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Attorney's Docket No. 004640-036

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of)
Heinz Binder et al) Group Art Unit: 1723
Application No.: 09/973,811) Examiner: Tony Glen Soohoo
Filed: October 11, 2001) Confirmation No.: 7808
For: METHOD FOR VERTICAL MIXING)
AND DEVICE FOR THIS)
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

- [] A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.
- [] A Terminal Disclaimer and a check for [] \$55.00 (248) [] \$110.00 (148) to cover the requisite Government fee are also enclosed.
- [] Also enclosed is _____.
- [] _____ statement(s) claiming small entity status [] are also enclosed [] were submitted previously.
- [] Applicant(s) request continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the [] \$345.00 (279) [] \$690.00 (179) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
- [] Applicant(s) previously submitted ___, on ___, for which continued examination is requested.
- [] A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (146/246) is also enclosed.
- [] No additional claim fee is required.

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[] An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

AMENDED CLAIMS					
	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	ADDT'L FEE
Total Claims		MINUS 20 =		× \$18.00 (103) =	0.00
Independent Claims		MINUS 3 =	0	× \$84.00 (102) =	0.00
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$260.00 (104)					
Total Amendment Fee					
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Amendment Fee					
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					

[] A claim fee in the amount of \$ _____ is enclosed.

[] Charge \$ _____ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 12, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows: